

## METHOD OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEETINGS

The following guidelines are to be followed when the public wishes to speak to items on the agenda of regular or special meetings:

1. The public is defined as citizens of the District, employees of the District, and representatives of the news media. Others may speak at the discretion of the Chair or by majority vote of the Board.
2. The agenda items may be reordered under Policy BCBD for the convenience of the public.
3. The Chair will remind the public that the Board normally hears information on an item at one meeting but then votes at a subsequent meeting after considering the facts and opinions. Thus, the public should not expect immediate action.
4. The Chair will provide an opportunity for public input on each agenda item. In general, a summary of the agenda item will be followed first by Board discussion and then by public input. Following further Board discussion, a vote may be taken or the item may be tabled to a later meeting.
5. Each speaker must be recognized by the Chair and should identify himself or herself by name and town of residence and should state the name of any group for whom he or she is speaking.
6. Each speaker should be reasonably brief and should confine his or her remarks to the agenda item under discussion.
7. As part of the agenda, the public may raise briefly items not listed on the agenda.

ALSO:BCBD      Agenda

ADOPTED: Norwich      5 May 2004